



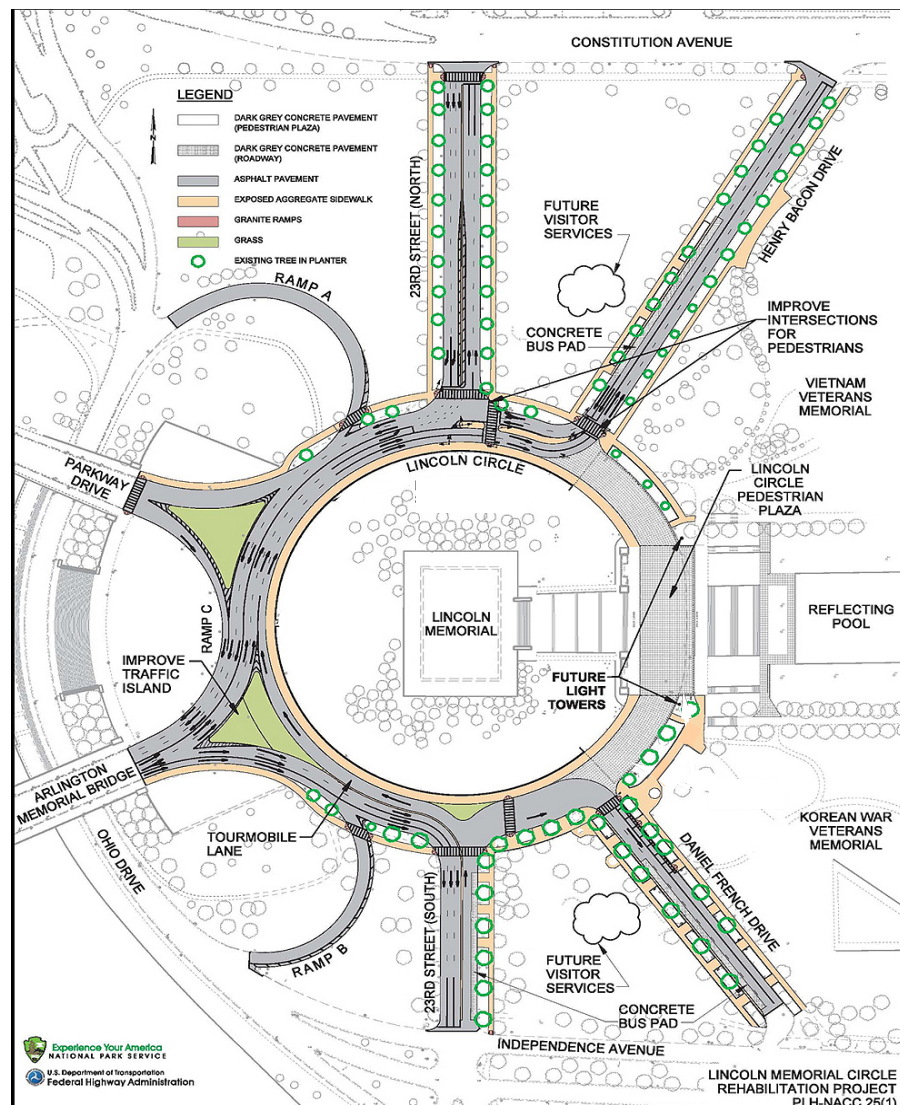
Lincoln Memorial Circle Roadway Project

Construction Start Date: April 12, 2004
Planned Completion Date: Summer 2006
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Project Purpose:

- Improve Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety
- Improve Traffic Flow for Everyone
- Accommodate Visitors with Facility Improvements
- Reduce Tour Bus Congestion

Conceptual Image of Improvements



Why is this project different from a typical road project?

This project includes roadway improvements, new visitor facilities and a permanent vehicle barrier system to protect visitors and the memorial. Millions of park visitors and park users, such as cyclists, share this space with Washington, DC motorists each year.

Why not widen the road?

The road around the Lincoln Memorial and the roads and bridges leading into and out of it cannot be widened because it was designed as part of the Memorial This historically significant landscape and any and improvements to it must to be in keeping with guidelines for sites listed on the National Register for Historic Places. The project does, however, increase roadway capacity within the existing alignment.

When will the project be completed?

Roadwork is planned for completion in summer 2006. Visitor facility work will continue through 2006.

What are the benefits of this project?

Benefits for Motorists

1. Improved Driving Surface (new pavement and improved stormwater management)
2. New Roadway Lights
3. Increased Capacity for Peak Periods (lanes will be reallocated - traffic analysis indicates more lanes are needed in-bound for the a.m. rush hour than for the outbound p.m. period)
4. Increased Turning Capacity onto 23rd Street North (two left turn lanes from Lincoln Circle)
5. New Roadway and Directional Signs (includes improved directional information for drivers connecting to area parkways and highways)

Benefits for Visitors, Pedestrians & Cyclists

1. Additional and Improved Visitor Facilities (new and improved visitors services kiosks on both the north and south sides of the Lincoln Memorial)
2. Additional Tour Bus Pick-Up And Drop-Off Capacity
3. Safer Pedestrian and Cyclist Crossings via Two (2) New Traffic Signals at 1) 23rd Street North and Lincoln Circle 2) Henry Bacon Drive and Lincoln Circle
4. Permanent Vehicle Barrier System (barrier that is sensitive to the historic landscape, to protect the visitors and the memorial, per U.S. Congressional mandate)
5. New Roadway Lights
6. Realigned Pedestrian and Bicycle Path on the South Side of the Memorial (path adjusted to provide better sightline for pedestrians and cyclists at intersection of 23rd Street South and Lincoln Circle)
7. New Roadway and Directional Signs (includes improved pedestrian and cyclist crossing signs)